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Richard Doucette
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Re: Final Environmental Impact Statement for the T.F. Green Airport Improvement Program, Rhode Island (CEQ#20110213)


Dear Mr. Doucette:

The Environmental Protection Agency-New England Region (EPA) has reviewed the Federal Aviation Administration's (FAA) Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) for safety and efficiency improvements at the T.F. Green Airport in Warwick, Rhode Island. This letter provides our comments on the FEIS in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and Section 309 of the Clean Air Act.

EPA's comments on the DEIS requested that the FAA address deficiencies and concerns related to wetland impacts and mitigation, water and air quality impacts, and environmental justice. While we have no further comment on the FEIS regarding those issues, we anticipate continued involvement with the project through the Corps of Engineers' Clean Water Act Section 404 process.

We appreciate the time the FAA and its consulting team spent throughout the NEPA process inviting agency and public input and discussion on a range of project issues. Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the FEIS. Please contact Timothy Timmermann (617-918-1025) of EPA's Office of Environmental Review with any comments or questions.

Sincerely,


H. Curtis Spalding
Regional Administrator